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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between 12th Army Group and 21 Army Group: As before to WUNSTORF X1527 (to 12th Army Gp) - thence RJ X2528 - SCHULENBURG X3229 - RJ X3632 - GR. BURGWEDEL X4435 - ENGENSEN X4935 - EHLERSHAUSEN X5538 - CELLE X5950 - RJ X6554 (all to 21 Army Gp with running rights through CELLE to 12th Army Gp) - ELDINGEN X7657 (to 12th Army Gp) - thence as before.

Boundary between First Canadian Army and Second British Army: As before to NEEDE A2393 (incl to First Cdn Army) - thence to A3391 - German-Dutch frontier to V5223 (both incl to Second Brit Army) - thence as before.

Boundary between I Canadian Corps and II Canadian Corps: Line of the IJSSEL River from DEVENTER Z9208 to the ZUIDER ZEE.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (131200B). No reports received.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. 5th Division. The division was assigned to the Second British Army.

VIII Corps. 15th Division. (With 6th Gds Tk Bde atchd). Attacked northeast, gained up to twenty-eight miles on a seven-mile front and reached UELZEN X8989. Captured HOSSERINGEN X8076. Front line change: X8062 - X8065 - X8166 - X7971 - X8076 - X8989 - X8289 - X7676 - X7372 - X7171 - X6760. 11th Armored Division. (With 1st Commando Bde atchd). Expanded its bridgehead over the ALLER River in the vicinity of X3057. The 159th Brigade attacked east and gained up to seven and one-half miles on a two-mile front. Captured THOREN X3655. Encountered stiff opposition from self-propelled guns firing from the vicinity of WINSEN X4756. Front line change: X4556 - X3758 - X3159 - X3059 - X2959 - X2859. 6th Airborne Division. Mopped up behind the 15th Division.

XII Corps. 53d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde atchd). Made gains up to two miles on a five-mile front. The 71st Brigade repelled strong enemy counterattacks in the vicinity of X1367 and X1469. The 158th Brigade repelled a counterattack in the vicinity of X1175. Front line change: X1367 - X1469 - X1175 - X0976 - X0675 - X0277 - W9776. 52d Division. (Less 52d Rcn Regt). The 157th Brigade held the line W9680 - W9185. 7th Armored Division. (With 155th Bde atchd). Concentrated in the vicinity of X0456.

XXX Corps. 3d Division. (With 52d Rcn Regt atchd). The division was relieved from assignment to XII Corps and assigned to XXX Corps. The 8th Brigade continued its attack north on BRINKUM W7091 and gained up to three and one-half miles on a three-mile front against moderate opposition. Front line change: W7289 - W6989 - W6888 - W6787. 51st Division. Attacked north on an eight-mile front and gained up to eight miles. Division reconnaissance units on the right flank contacted 3d Division reconnaissance units in the vicinity of W4365. Front line change: W4376 - VARNHORN W3974 - VISBEK W3871 - DRANTUM W3270. Guards Armored Division. Attacked east and gained up to eight miles. Contacted reconnaissance units of the 51st Division in the vicinity of W3368. Front line change: W2871 - W2667 - W2166 - W1964. 43d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde atchd). Attacked northeast on a nine-mile front, gained up to four miles and reached CLOPPENBURG W2072. Front line change: W1770 - W2072 - BUHRÉNKAMPE W2074 - MOLBERGEN W1273 - GRONHEIM W0876 - W0677.

I British Corps. No change.

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FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. The 10th Canadian Infantry Brigade attacked north and gained up to five miles. The remainder of the division attacked northeast on a five-mile front and gained up to two and one-half miles. Encountered heavy anti-tank fire in the vicinity of FRIESOYTHE W0891. Front line change: W1084 - W1185 - W0891 and W0189 - V9490 - V9389 - V9286. Polish Armored Division. Attacked north on a twenty-four mile front and gained up to five miles. The 3d Polish Infantry Brigade contacted units of the 2d Canadian Division in the vicinity of ROLDE V2688. Front line change: Q6400 - Q5304 - V4194 - GIETEN V3490 - V2688. 2d Canadian Division. (With 1st Cdn Rcn Regt atchd). The division reconnaissance units moved north on a forty-mile front and gained up to twelve miles. The 1st Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment on the division left flank captured an airfield at STEENWIJK Z9066. Reconnaissance units are in the area of V2689 - Q4011 - Q3208 - Q3013 - V0099 - the TJONGER KANAAL from Z9688 to Z8383 - Z9066. 3d Canadian Division. The 9th Infantry Brigade attacked north, gained up to two miles and seized a bridgehead over the VECHT River in the vicinity of Z9935. Some division reconnaissance units entered ZWOLLE Z8835 without opposition. Other division reconnaissance units passed through the 9th Brigade bridgehead over the VECHT River, advanced north up to nine miles and reached the vicinity of Z9750 and Z9751. Front line change: V0134 - Z9934 - Z9935 - Z9750 - Z9751 - Z8835 - Z9631.

I Canadian Corps. 1st Canadian Division. The division was relieved from assignment to II Canadian Corps and assigned to I Canadian Corps as of 130600B. The division expanded its bridgehead over the IJssel River in the vicinity of Z9302 to a width of four miles and a depth of up to eight miles. Front line change: Z9206 - Z8806 - Z8505 - Z8405 - Z8304 - Z8204 - Z8104 - Z8400 - Z8501 - Z8701 - Z8700. 49th Division. Enlarged its bridgehead over the NEDER RIJN River in the vicinity of E7676 to a width of four miles and up to one mile in depth. The 56th Brigade was clearing the enemy from ARNHEM E7477. Front line change: E7678 - E7578 - W7478 - E7378.

AIR. (13th Apr). Eighth Air Force: 212 heavy bombers attacked the marshalling yard at NEUMUNSTER N4811 and dropped 577.3 tons of general purpose bombs. 2 bombers were lost. 256 fighter aircraft sortied to support the bomber operation. 5 fighters were lost. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: No medium bomber sorties were flown. The Tactical Air Commands flew 820 fighter/fighter bomber sorties on fighter/fighter bomber sweeps and on armed reconnaissance. 7 aircraft were lost. Claims included 51 enemy aircraft destroyed on the ground, 186 motor transports, 139 railroad cars and 11 locomotives.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light, intermittent rain in the north. Clouds: Overcast in the north, otherwise broken low clouds. Visibility: 1 - 2 miles at dawn, becoming 6 - 8 miles during the afternoon. Wind: 5 mph, northwest. Temperatures at LUXEMBOURG: Maximum 66° F. Minimum 44° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Enemy resistance was light and scattered except in the vicinities of JENA J7065 and ZEITZ K0881 where moderate opposition was encountered. Enemy losses were estimated as heavy, while our losses were light. (Army Troops). 70th Division. No change. 474th Infantry (non-div). No change.

XII Corps. 2d Cavalry Group. Maintained contact with the XV Corps on the south flank. Front line change: 05170 - 05274. 71st Division. Gained up to eight and one-half miles southeast on a four-mile front. Front line change: 06570 - 07173. 11th Armored Division. Attacked east and gained up to seven and one-half miles. Combat Command "B" reached 06672 while Combat Command "A" captured KULMBACH 06674 and STADT STEINACH 06980. Front line change: STADT STEINACH 06980. 26th Division. Advanced up to fourteen miles east on a sixteen-mile front. TSCHIRM J6406 was captured. Front line change: 06384 - 06488 - 06689 - 06796 - 06598 - J6203 - TSCHIRM J6406 - J6009. 90th Division. Gained up to fifteen miles east on an eleven-mile front. Reconnaissance units captured

and held a bridge over the SAALE River in the vicinity of J8104. Front line change: J7411 - J7113 - J7821 - J7328.

VIII Corps. 87th Division. Advanced up to seven miles east on a six-mile front, crossed the SAALE River and continued the attack. SAALFELD J5633 was captured. Front line change: J6333 - J5924 - line of SAALE River from SAALFELD J5633 - RUDOLSTADT J5441 - J6143 - J6243 - J6444. 89th Division. Advanced up to eleven miles east. Closed to the line of the SAALE River on the division front, and then crossed the river in the vicinities of J7153, J7357 and J7159. Front line change: J6847 - J6950 - J7253 - J7357 - J7159. 6th Cavalry Group. Continued to screen the corps north flank. 65th Division. The 259th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of J1841.

XX Corps. 80th Division. The 318th Infantry captured JENA J7065 and EISENBERG J9271. The 319th Infantry entered GERA K0561. Front line change: GERA K0561. 4th Armored Division. Advanced up to thirty-four miles east. Combat Command "A" reached the ZWICK-MULBE River in the vicinity of K3960. Bridges were intact in the vicinity of K3960, K4263 and K4767. Units of Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "B" crossed the river and secured a bridgehead. Front line change: K4657 - K4463 - K4866 - K2072. 76th Division. Advanced up to three miles and reached J9375 - K0079 - K0480. Assisted the 6th Armored Division in the capture of ZEITZ K0881. 6th Armored Division. Captured ZEITZ K0881 in conjunction with the 76th Division against moderate opposition. Gained up to seven miles east on a seven-mile front. Front line change: K1080 - K2487. 3d Cavalry Group. Continued to screen the corps north and south flanks.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 20th Armored Division. (With 112th RCT atchd). The 112th Regimental Combat Team (28th Div) was attached.

V Corps. 9th Armored Division. Advanced up to eight miles east on an eight-mile front and captured bridges over the WEISSE ELSTER River in the vicinities of K1490 and K1695 against moderate resistance from infantry weapons, tank and artillery fire. Front line change: K2891 - K2794 - K1799. 69th Division. Mopped up behind the 9th Armored Division, captured WEISSENFELS J9597 and protected the WEISSE ELSTER River bridgehead. 2d Division. Gained up to five miles east on a seven-mile front. Captured MERSEBURG D9614 and CORBETHA D9419. Heavy artillery, flak, mortar and infantry weapon fire was received from east of the SAALE River. Front line change: D9411 - MERSEBURG D9614 - CORBETHA D9419 - D8921 - D8021. 102d Cavalry Group. Screened the corps left flank.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. Gained nine miles east to the SAALE River line D7743 - D7252. Combat Command "B" crossed the river and advanced nineteen miles to the vicinity of E0756. The division encountered moderate, scattered resistance. Front line change: SCHWITTERSDORF D7536 - FRIEDEBURG D7743 - E0756 - ALSLEBEN D7251. 104th Division. Blocked the southern approaches to the HARZ Mountains. The 414th Infantry reverted to the division command. 9th Division. Advanced up to seven miles north on an eight-mile front against anti-tank, artillery and heavy 20mm gun fire. Front line change: D3336 - STRASSBERG D2940 - D2242. 1st Division. (With the 4th Cav Gp atchd). Gained up to five and one-half miles east against moderate to heavy but scattered resistance. The 4th Cavalry Group attacked north and reached D0542. Front line change: D0542 and C8648 and C8557 - C8759 - C8960.

III Corps. 5th Division. Gained five and one-half miles west and captured BACHUM B1318 against moderate resistance. The 11th Infantry reverted to division command and closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of B3204. Front line change: BACHUM B1318 - B1217 - B0916 - B0713. 7th Armored Division. Gained up to two miles west on a five-mile front against spotty but vigorous resistance. Front line change: B0407 - G0299. 99th Division. Mopped up behind the 7th Armored Division and supported its advance. Front line change: B0509 - B0309 - B0504 - NEUENRIDE G0398 and G0896 - G0993. 14th Cavalry Group. Patrolled corps rear areas.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 86th Division. Advanced up to seven miles north and entered HAGEN A0186 against light resistance. The 341st Infantry reverted to division command. Front line change: G0991 - G0291 - F9995 - F9595 - HAGEN A0186.

8th Division. Gained five and one-half miles northwest on an eight-mile front against light opposition. RADEVORNWALD F7389 was captured. Front line change: A7702 - A7400 - F7399 - SCHWELM F6998 - F7296 - F7492 - RADEVORNWALD F7389.
78th Division. (With CCB 13th Armd Div atched). Gained up to five and one-half miles west on an eight-mile front and captured HUCKESWAGEN F7283 against light resistance. Combat Command "B" 13th Armored Division commenced to assemble in the vicinity of F6872. Front line change: HUCKESWAGEN F7283 - F7279 - F6777 - F6675 - F6375. 97th Division. Advanced twelve miles northwest against light resistance. On the left flank units reached F4964. Front line change: F5876 - F4964. 13th Armored Division. (Less CCB). Combat Command "A" commenced to assemble in the vicinity of F6067. Combat Command "B" was attached to the 78th Division.

NINTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 8th Armored Division. (Less CCB). Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of X9101.

XVI Corps. 17th Airborne Division. The 194th Glider Infantry closed in an assembly area within the division sector. 79th Division. (With 134th Inf atched). Relieved the 35th Division and units of the 75th Division along the RUHR River from A5914 to A7510. The enemy continued to hold the north bank of the RUHR River along the line A5914 - A6012. 75th Division. Advanced to the line of the RUHR River and captured bridges intact in the vicinities of A8213 and A8313. The towns of WETTER A7609 and HERDECKE A7811 were captured. Front line change: RUHR River line A7609 - A8313. 95th Division. (With 15th Cav Gp atched). Captured DORTMUND A8124 and advanced four miles south. Front line change: A8216 - A8316 - A8417 - A8518 - A8615.

XIX Corps. 35th Division. (Less 134th Inf). The 137th Infantry closed in the vicinity of Y2317. Combat Command "B" (8th Armd Div). Protected the south flank of the 83d Division. 83d Division. Completed a class 40 bridge over the ELBE River in the vicinity of D8781 and seized a small bridgehead against heavy resistance. Four counterattacks were repulsed. Front line change: D9081 - D9082 - D8784. 2d Armored Division. (With 119th Inf atched). Combat Command "B" met very heavy resistance in the vicinity of ELVENAU D7590. Combat Command "R" commenced crossing into the 83d Division bridgehead. Combat Command "A" attacked and reached the crossroad in the area Y6605. Front line change: ELVENAU D7590 - D7492 and crossroad Y6605. 30th Division. (Less 119th Inf). Gained up to thirteen miles southeast. Units continued fighting in the vicinity of intact bridge in the area Y7109. BARLEBEN Y6507 was captured. Enemy opposition was heavy. Front line change: BARLEBEN Y6507 - Y7109 - Y7314 - Y7520 - Y7225. 113th Cavalry Group. Operated on the corps south flank.

XIII Corps. 407th Infantry. Continued mopping up a pocket of resistance in the vicinity of C1498. 5th Armored Division. Advanced up to fourteen miles south. Combat Command "A" reached STENDAL Y7953 and Combat Command "R" reconnoitered the ELBE River line from Y8783 to Y7592. Front line change: STENDAL Y7953 - Y8555 - Y7865 - ELBE River vicinity Y9074 and ELBE River vicinity Y7592. 102d Division. (Less 407th Inf). Advanced to the area Y5751 - Y5858 - Y5059. 84th Division. Advanced up to twenty-eight miles northeast against very light resistance. Front line change: Y3671 - Y3472 - Y2975 - WITTINGEN Y0363. 11th Cavalry Group. Screened the corps north flank.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 106th Division, 66th Division and 16th Armored Division. All no change.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. 28th Division. (Less 112th RCT). Closed in the corps area. The 109th Infantry reverted to division command.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 132400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	70,269	287,823	36,087	9,599	403,778
Non-battle					301,274
				Total Casualties	705,052

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

21 Army Group: XII Corps MAHLEN W9866; XXX Corps W6961; 3d Division W6868; 15th Division X6962; 43d Division W0866; 49th Division E7974; 51st Division W2751; 52d Division W9569; 1st Canadian Division Z9202; 11th Armored Division X3154; Guards Armored Division DEINDRUP W3264; 1st Polish Armored Division V4366.

12th Army Group: VII Corps NORDHAUSEN D1226; XIII Corps LEHRTE X5222; XIX Corps HANZLEBEN D5491; XX Corps WEIMAR J5270; XVIII Airborne Corps KIERSPE-BF F9180; 9th Division D1226; 28th Division K8453; 26th Division J4401; 30th Division Y6512; 35th Division Y2317; 71st Division 04780; 76th Division K0184; 79th Division A6824; 80th Division J5270; 83d Division D7874; 84th Division X7957; 87th Division J4645; 89th Division J1961; 90th Division J4125; 99th Division B1500; 102d Division Y2132; 3d Armored Division D7441; 4th Armored Division K0366; 11th Armored Division 06073; 82d Airborne Division F3660; 101st Airborne Division F1986.

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